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Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Gilberto B. ASUQUE (Philippines)

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 25 July 1996, the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Cameroon, Croatia, Germany, Malta, Marshall Islands, Philippines, Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held its 1st meeting on 30 July 1996. At its 13th meeting, held on the same day, the Fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the report of the 1st meeting of the Credentials Committee contained in documents SPLOS/12 and Corr.1.

3. On 31 July 1996, the Credentials Committee held its 2nd meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Gilberto B. Asuque (Philippines), who had been elected Chairman of the Committee at its 1st meeting.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat dated 31 July 1996, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, additional formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by any person authorized by either of them, had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following eight States participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Brazil, Cook Islands, Lebanon, Mauritius, Nauru, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Tonga.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, additional information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from Ministries, Permanent Missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following three States participating in the Fifth Meeting of States Parties: Nigeria, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Seychelles.

7. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 31 July 1996, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 31 July 1996,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution.

"Credentials of representatives to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee, as orally presented by the Chairman of the Credentials Committee."

10. In the light of the foregoing, the Credentials Committee approved the draft recommendation (see para. 11).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the report of the Credentials Committee, as orally presented by the Chairman of the Credentials Committee."

12. The second report of the Credentials Committee was presented by its Chairman to the 15th meeting of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties, on 31 July 1996.

13. The Fifth Meeting of States Parties approved the second report of the Credentials Committee without a vote.